

April - Week 3

The water this week will be at the “magical” 70 degree mark and the fish will be very aggressive. I would begin the day working a 3/8 oz Lunker Lure® Buzzbait along the riprap areas in Lick Creek. The edges and corners of the riprap will be the best especially if there is some current to the water. You could also follow up the buzzbait with a weightless Zoom® Trick Worm or Super Fluke. Keep the baits as close to the rocks as possible as the fish will be right on the bank this week. Also this is the week that the majority of the bass will be sitting on beds. After the morning bite I would run the banks with a small crankbait or spinnerbait looking for beds. Once the beds are found the fish can be caught on either a Zoom® Tube or Zoom® Six Inch Lizard. The best colors for the tube are White Ice, White Pearl Glitter, or Chartreuse Pepper. The only color that you need for the lizard is Watermelon Candy. This type of fishing requires patience. The bait will need to be pitched to the bed and allow it to sit for several minutes. Most of the time the bass will spook when the lure lands near the bed, just pull the bait to the bed and keep it there. The bass should return to the area within a few minutes, if not then find another bed to fish. After the big female returns try to watch her behavior. If she seems interested in the bait just leave it in the bed and shake it. Watch the fish and not the bait. When you see the gills flare or mouth open and shut then set the hook. Do not wait to feel the fish, as she is not trying to eat it but just move the bait. If you wait to feel the bite, the bait will already be blown out of the bed. If the fish does not seem to acknowledge the bait when it returns to the bed, then try to make the fish angry. You can do this by pitching past the bed and swimming the bait until it actually bumps the big female. Once this is done then pitch back again and allow the bait to sit in the bed. The fish will usually then try to get that bait out of her bed and can be caught. Bed fishing can also be better if some Bait® Garlic scent is added to the bait. Just remember the key is to watch the fish and not the bait.



Fishing Tip: Always keep a "follow up" rod rigged and ready for quick, easy access. Bass will often strike at a fast moving bait and miss. If you throw a plastic worm or tube bait to the same place immediately following the missed strike, your chances of a solid hook-up are excellent.

Fishing Lure Recap

- **Buzzbait**
 - Lunker Lure®
 - 3/8 oz.
- **Trick Worm**
 - Zoom®
 - White
 - Bubblegum
 - Green Pumpkin
 - Black
- **Fluke**
 - Zoom®
 - Super Fluke
 - White Pearl
- **Spinnerbait**
 - Strike King®
 - 1/4 oz. or 3/8 oz. Spinnerbait
 - Chartreuse/White
 - White
- **Crankbait**
 - Bill Lewis
 - 1/4 oz. Rat-L-Trap®
 - Blue/Chrome
- **Tube**
 - Zoom®
 - White Ice
 - White Pearl Glitter
 - Chartreuse Pepper
- **Lizard**
 - Zoom®
 - 6 inch Lizard
 - Watermelon Candy

